

Testimony before the House Standing Committee on Energy and Environment
In support of House Resolution 6015

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Chairman Hedke and Honorable Members of the Committee:

My name is R.J. Wilson and I appear before the committee today as a representative of America's Natural Gas Alliance. ANGA, as our trade group is commonly referred, represents 27 of North America's largest independent Natural Gas exploration and production companies and the leading developers of shale plays. Our mission is to promote the economic and national security benefits of Natural Gas that is derived from its safe and responsible development.

I appear today in support of HR 6015, a resolution which simply encourages two state agencies and a quasi governmental entity to take a look at the viability of Compressed Natural Gas as a vehicle fuel for the state fleet and to report back to the legislature on their findings.

The intent of this resolution is not to provide a mandate to the agencies or suggest that one fuel source is more advantageous than another. Simply, this resolution provides a pathway for the House of Representatives to recognize the importance of Natural Gas to the state's economy. Also, HR 6015 will allow the agencies a pathway to recognize this re-emerging fuel source which has the potential to drive more development of our state's infrastructure and our Natural Gas resources.

The Natural Gas industry appreciates the work of the men and women at the Department of Transportation, the Department of Administration and the Turnpike Authority. These hard working people strive daily to bring more value for each taxpayer-dollar entrusted to them by the legislature. The Natural Gas Industry stands ready to provide as much expertise on the topic of Compressed and Liquefied Natural Gas as the agencies may desire.

In 2012, ANGA sponsored the Kansas State Fair and displayed a Peterbilt semi truck, provided by Doonan Truck in Wichita and a Chevy Avalanche, both of which were fueled by Compressed Natural Gas. The interest we had in those two vehicles was overwhelming. Kansans have a long and profitable relationship with propane as a motor fuel on tractors and farm trucks. It was not a long stretch to help interested fairgoers understand many of the same benefits of Compressed Natural Gas.

Mr. Chairman, thank you for scheduling this bill for a hearing and members of the committee thank you for your attention. I have provided a CNG fact sheet from ANGA for your use and I would be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.